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C O N F I D E N T I A L RANGOON 0766

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BURMA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR ADB

REF: A. MANILA 3485; RANGOON 0431 (NOTAL)

1. GUB DECISION TO SEEK ADB MEMBERSHIP CONFIRMS EARLIER REPORT (REF B) AND SETS STAGE FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE STEPPE- UP BURMESE PARTICIPATION IN SELECTED REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. MFA ACTING CHIEF OF ECONOMIC DIVISION TOLD EMBOFF THAT DECISION TO JOIN ADB IS FIRST OF " SEVERAL SURPRISES" REGARDING BURMESE PARTICIPATION IN SUCH ORGANIZATIONS. HE NOTED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT INSTEAD OF ITS AMBASSADOR IN BANGKOK BEING SOLE BURMESE REPRESENTATIVE AT ECAFE MEETINGS, BURMA WOULD HENCEFORTH SEND LARGER DELEGATIONS. HE ADDED THAT SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED GUB OFFICIALS WERE PRESSING FOR GREATER BURMESE PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL ACTIVITIES AND THAT HE PERSONALLY WAS PLEASED AT PROSPECT.

2. COMMENT: AS A PRACTICAL MATTER BURMA PROBABLY HOPES TO UTILIZE ADB RESOURCES TO SHORE UP SAGGING ECONOMY WHICH IS SUFFERING SERIOUS PROBLEMS PARTICULARLY IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR AND CONSEQ-
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UENTLY EXPERIENCES FURTHER PRESSURE ON DWINDLING FOREIGN
EXCHANGE
RESERVES.

3. IN POLICY TERMS, FAVORABLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECISION ON GUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION WOULD HELP REDUCE BURMESE ISOLATION FROM
MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS OF REGION.

4. EMBASSY THEREFORE STRONGLY ENDORSES RECOMMENDATION THAT
BURMA
BE ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.
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